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**PUBLIC NOTICE No. 04-12**  
**New Mexico Environment Department**  
**Hazardous Waste Bureau**  
**Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502**  
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**NOTICE OF PERMIT RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR OPEN BURN/OPEN  
DETONATION TREATMENT UNITS  
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO  
EPA ID No. NM9570042243**

The State of New Mexico is authorized to operate a hazardous waste management program in lieu of the Federal program for the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (**RCRA**) in effect prior to the enactment of the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (**HSWA**). In January 1996, the State of New Mexico was authorized to operate a hazardous waste management program for HSWA, which imposes additional corrective action requirements on hazardous waste management facilities for releases to the environment.

Under authority of the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act (HWA; NMSA 1978 §74-4-1 et. seq.) and the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations (20.4.1 NMAC), the New Mexico Environment Department (**NMED**) can approve, approve with conditions, or deny hazardous waste management and closure plan applications, permit modifications, amendments, and reapplications. Under this authority, NMED hereby provides public notice of the following permit application submitted for renewal.

Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB) submitted a permit application on May 14, 2004. KAFB's current operating RCRA Permits expire December 20, 2004 (OD) and July 25, 2005 (OB), respectively. Pursuant to 20.4.1.900 NMAC, incorporating 40 CFR §270.51(d), in a State with a hazardous waste program, if a Permittee has submitted a timely and complete application under applicable state law, the terms and conditions of the current RCRA operating permit continue in force beyond the expiration date of the permit until the effective date of the State's issuance or denial of a new RCRA permit.

The KAFB facility, which is owned and operated by the U.S. Air Force, is located just south of and adjacent to Albuquerque in Bernalillo County in north-central New Mexico. KAFB comprises an area of approximately 52,233 acres (82 square miles). The central mission of KAFB is the administration of defense programs for the U.S. Department of Defense.

The EOD Range is located in the south-central portion of the KAFB facility and approximately two miles north of the southern perimeter of KAFB. It occupies generally flat, gently west-sloping mesa land located between the Rio Grande Valley to the west and the foothills of the Manzano Mountains to the east. The nearest surface water body is the Rio Grande, located about 10 miles west of the EOD Range.

Both the open burn (**OB**) and open detonation (**OD**) treatment units are located at the EOD Range. These units are used to treat (i.e., burn or detonate) reactive (D003) and ignitable (D001) hazardous wastes, such as bulk explosives; damaged, defective, expired, and unserviceable munitions; and explosive-contaminated wastes. These waste types are generated during mission and research and development activities.

**Permit applicant.** The contact name and address for the KAFB permit application is: Mr. John Pike, Chief of Compliance, Environmental Management Branch, 377 ABW MSG/CEV, 2050 Wyoming Blvd SE, Kirtland Air Force Base, NM 87117-5659.

**Administrative Record.** The Administrative Record for the KAFB RCRA permit application consists of the submitted permit application and all supporting documentation. The Administrative Record may be reviewed by appointment Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., located at the:

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For an appointment to review the permit application or other records related to this matter or to obtain a copy of the KAFB administrative record or any part thereof at \$0.25 per page, please contact Ms. Allen at the address or phone number above.

**Proposed Action.** This notice is only intended to inform the public that the application has been submitted to the NMED and that it is available for public review; no action or decision is proposed by NMED at this time.

**Public Comments.** In accordance with 20.4.1.900.C(2), NMED notifies the public of its ability to review the KAFB Permit application and submit written comments, opinions and inquiries on them or to be put on facility mailing list. Any comments, opinions or inquiries should identify the name and address of the commentator and be submitted to: Mr. John Kieling, Manager, NMED Hazardous Waste Bureau, 2905 Rodeo Park drive East, Building 1, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505-6303. All comments will become part of the administrative record.